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3. USS LLOYD THOMAS Visit. June 7 the USS LLOYD THOMAS began a three day visit to Jidda. Customary calls on local officials and a social schedule were arranged for the visitors. The destroyer is slated to depart on June 9. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. SAG Getty Oil Agreement in Principle. The Embassy has learned independently from Saudi Petroleum Ministry officials and Getty representatives that the recent discussions between the two parties had progressed satisfactorily and that a surprisingly wide area of agreement had been reached. Details are now being ironed out by Getty's legal department; principally these concern possible Saudi participation in an advisory committee for Neutral Zone affairs to be attached to the Getty Board of Directors. Getty representatives allegedly have agreed also to hire the recently-formed Saudi-French drilling company for future exploratory work in the Zone. Any public announcement of the agreement, considered unlikely by Getty representatives, will not reveal any dramatic gains or achievements by the SAG. Getty representatives apparently convinced the Saudi team, headed by Director General Muhammad Jukhdar, that the Government was obtaining about as much as might reasonably be obtained in the circumstances prevailing. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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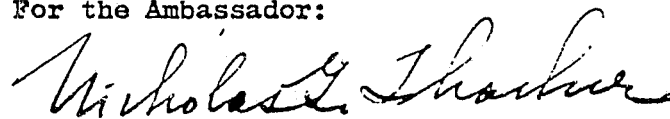
6. Further Seismic Surveys Commissioned. The SAG apparently very satisfied with the seismic survey activities being carried out along the Red Sea coast and in the old Riyadh preferential area by the Robert Ray Company (US), has authorized a further expenditure of SR ten million (\$2.22 million) for additional seismic studies and possibly additional oil prospecting in these two areas. The money has been allotted from the Economic Development Fund. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. Threat to TWA's Fifth Freedom Rights Postponed. The Supervisor General of Civil Aviation has agreed to delay implementation of the order cancelling Fifth Freedom privileges on the Dhahran-Cairo route for all foreign carriers, including TWA, for at least sixty days, beginning June 1. This was done to permit further investigations as to whether passengers interests would be harmed by possibly inadequate seat space and irregular scheduling if this route were handled solely by Saudi Airlines. Although the Saudis appear determined to give their own airline the maximum help possible in exploiting the Dhahran-Cairo route, it may be possible for certain airlines such as TWA to have limited Fifth Freedom privileges. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Eshkol Visit. Israeli Premier Eshkol's visit to the United States and his warm reception there have excited heated criticism of the U.S. in local news media and among the public; voluminous coverage of the visit in the press and on the radio, and the biting editorial attacks in all of the newspapers made Eshkol's trip topic of the month. Strident calls for action against "Zionist-dominated America" were published daily. In a particularly biting editorial in al-Bilad June 4 'Abd Allah al-Sa'd asserted that the Arabs must "use their oil as a weapon, regardless of the cost" to their national economies in order to force the "Zionist West" to cease its support of "bastard" and "harlot" Israel which is seeking, via the Eshkol visit, to become the "legal wife" of the United States. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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